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1. REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DEPUTY
MINISTER FOR RECLAMATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT, BORIS G.
SHTEPA: BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MR. MINISTER: WE HAVE LEARNED
FROM DR. TECH THAT MR. SIPAKOV HAS INDICATED THE INTENT OF
THE SOVIET SIDE TO GIVE FULL WORKING GROUP STATUS TO EACH
OF THE FOUR AREAS DEALING WITH WATER POLLUTION, AS WE HAVE
PREVIOUSLY DONE. IF IT IS AGREEABLE WITH YOU, I PROPOSE
THAT, AT LEAST FOR THIS YEAR, WE MAINTAIN A COORDINATING
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GROUP FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECTS. THIS WOULD

CONSIST OF THE FOUR WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN FROM EACH SIDE PLUS YOU AND ME AS COORDINATORS, TO BE CALLED THE BEGIN QUOTE COORDINATING GROUP ON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL. END QUOTE

2. WE PROPOSE THAT THREE MEETINGS ON WATER POLLUTION BE HELD IN THE U.S. IN AUGUST: (1) WORKING GROUP TWO ON PROTECTION OF LAKES AND ESTUARIES WOULD ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON SUNDAY JULY 28 AND DEPART FROM NEW YORK ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 11. ITS ITINERARY WOULD INCLUDE NEW YORK, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, OREGON, AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. (2) WORKING GROUP THREE ON EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS ON

AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS WOULD ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 AND DEPART FOR MOSCOW ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21, OR CONTINUE ON TO THE INTERNATIONAL LIMNOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING IN MANITOBA, CANADA BEGINNING AUGUST 22ND. ITS ITINERARY WOULD INCLUDE SEATTLE, PORTLAND, DULUTH, AND NEW YORK. (3) THE 1974 MEETING OF THE SENIOR COORDINATING GROUP WOULD THEN BE HELD AUGUST 8-9, IN CHICAGO THUS ALLOWING PARTIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETINGS OF BOTH GROUPS TWO AND THREE, AND REDUCING THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BURDEN ON SOME OF THE SOVIET SIDE.

3. WE ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE SOVIET DELEGATES ON THE RECEIVING SIDE PAYS BASIS AS FOLLOWS: WORKING GROUP TWO, 6 DELEGATES; WORKING GROUP THREE, 4 DELEGATES; SENIOR COORDINATING MEETING, UP TO SEVEN DELEGATES.

4. AS WE DISCUSSED DURING YOUR VISIT HERE IN NOVEMBER, MOST OF OUR JOINT WORK ON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL HAS STARTED WELL, AND IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MOVE INTO TRULY JOINT EFFORTS THIS YEAR. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS INCREASED COOPERATION, AND HOPE THAT THE MEETINGS AND SCHEDULE PROPOSED ABOVE ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR SIDE. WITH ALL BEST WISHES, SINCERELY YOURS, JOHN L. BUCKLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PROGRAM INTEGRATION, EPA END QUOTE KISSINGER

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